

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**July 21, 2006**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy was held on July 21, 2006 at the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Kendyl R. Brock, OTR/L, CHT, President  
Karen L. Cadaret, COTA/L  
Kathleen H. Conyers, OTR/L, Vice President  
Donna J. Domyslawski, OTR/L

**Absent:**

Mary Louise Austin, Cognizant

**Others Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Calandra Paschal, Board Secretary and Amanda Allen, Board Secretary.

**Ms. Brock established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.**

**Agenda:** The Board voted to accept the agenda as reviewed and revised.

**Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2)&(4), O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1)(2), O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(4) and O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1) to deliberate on Applications and Attorney General's Report and to receive information on Applications and open cases with the Attorney General's office. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members Brock, Domyslawski, Cadaret and Conyers. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.**

**Public Hearing: Proposed Rule Amendments to 671-4-.01 & 671-3-.09:**

**Rule 671-4-.01 Ethics of Occupational Therapy. Amended**

Ms. Brock, President, established that a quorum was present, and called the Public Hearing to order at 10:10 A.M. As there were no comments submitted and no members of the public attended the hearing, the public hearing was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A § 43-28-7.

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-28-7 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A),(B),(C),&(D) and that the formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Occupational Therapy.

The Board discussed correspondence from The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. with regard to suggested deletions/corrections of language. Ms. Conyers motioned and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted not to implement the suggested language changes and to proceed with discussion on adoption of the rule as posted.

**After discussion and consideration of the rule change, Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule Chapter 671-4-.01 in accordance with 50-13-4(a)(1) as now posted:**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULES  
RULE 671-4-.01 ETHICS OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. AMENDED.**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to update and expand the language of the current rule to include language recognized through out the profession as acceptable Ethics of Occupational Therapy.

**MAIN FEATURES:** The main feature of the proposed rule amendment is to update paragraph one (1) and add paragraphs two (2) through eight (8) to clarify and update rule.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULES, RULE 671-  
4-.01 ETHICS OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. AMENDED.**

**NOTE:** Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

Rule 671-4-.01 Ethics of Occupational Therapy. Amended is hereby revised as follows:

**671-4-.01 Ethics of Occupational Therapy. Amended**

The following Code of Ethics is hereby adopted by the Board to govern and serve as a guide for the conduct of licensed Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants in the practice of occupational therapy in this state. Reviews of numerous documents and guidelines published on occupational therapy ethics, including the American Occupational Therapy Association, (AOTA) Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics, were utilized in the preparation of the following. Each licensed Occupational Therapist and Occupational Therapy Assistant shall:

- ~~(1). Licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are expected to a~~Adhere to the code of ethics as adopted and published by the Board;
- ~~(2). Demonstrate concern for the safety and well-being of the recipients of their services and ensure services and fees are provided in a fair and equitable manner;~~
- ~~(3). Take measures to ensure each recipient's safety and avoid imposing or inflicting harm, avoid exploitation in any manner in therapeutic relationships, use professional judgment and objectivity at all times, avoid any compromise in the provision of services, and accept responsibility for professional actions;~~
- ~~(4). Respect recipients, assuring their rights and observing confidentiality at all times;~~
- ~~(5). Strive to achieve and continually maintain high standards of competence and take responsibility for competence through professional development and educational activities;~~
- ~~(6). Comply with laws and rules of the State of Georgia and the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy, encourage peers to adhere to the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board, and report any breaches of the Code of Ethics to the proper authority;~~

- (7). Provide accurate and complete information when representing the profession; and
- (8). Treat all colleagues and other professionals with respect, fairness, discretion and integrity.

**Authority O.C.G.A §§ 43-28-7**

**Rule 671-3-.09 Restored License:**

Ms. Brock, President, having established that a quorum was present, called the Public Hearing to order at 10:15 A.M. As there were no comments submitted and no members of the public attended the hearing, the public hearing was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-19, 43-28-7, 43-28-13, and 43-28-14.

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-28-7, 43-28-13, and 43-28-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A),(B),(C),&(D) and that the formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Occupational Therapy.

**After discussion and consideration of the rule change, Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule Chapter 671-3-.09 in accordance with 50-13-4(a)(1) as now posted:**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULES  
RULE 671-3-.09 RESTORED LICENSE.**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is update the current rule with regard to the required continuing education hours in the ethics of occupational therapy practice, and cite the Boards authority with regard to restoration of an expired license.

**MAIN FEATURES:** The main feature of the proposed rule amendment is to add wording regarding the required two (2) hours of continuing education hours required by the Board and that restoration of an expired license is within the discretion of the Board.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
RULES, RULE 671-3-.09 RESTORED LICENSE.**

**NOTE:** Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.  
Rule 671-3-.09 Restored License is hereby revised as follows:

**671-3-.09 Restored License.**

(1) Restoration of an expired license is within the discretion of the Board.

~~(4)~~ (2) A license may be restored within five (5) years of expiration date by submission of restoration application, proof of completion of required continuing education, as specified

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in paragraph ~~(3)~~ (4) below, and payment of appropriate fees. See fee schedule.

~~(2)~~ (3) A license which has been expired for a period greater than five (5) years may be Restored, at the discretion of the Board, by submission of the following:

- (a) A new application with appropriate fee;
- (b) Documentation of required continuing education hours as specified in paragraph ~~(3)~~ (4) completed within one year prior to date of application; and
- (c) One of the following:
  - 1. Verification of current license in another state; or
  - 2. Three (3) reference statements (two must be occupational therapists) from persons who can confirm current competency of applicant; or
  - 3. Verification of completion of eight (8) weeks of supervised clinical experience in a professional intern position or student role in a facility which meets the requirements of an accredited or approved occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant curriculum.

~~(3)~~ (4) Continuing education requirements for restoration of a license:

(a) Twenty-four contact clock hours of continuing education related to occupational therapy practice is required for restoration of a license. Sixteen hours must be related to direct "hands on" patient care (dpc). Up to 8 hours (general) may be in related areas such as administration, supervision, education, documentation, quality assurance, ethics, research methods, professional presentations, and providing, when appropriately licensed, Level II fieldwork supervision.

(b) Each licensee must complete a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education in the ethics of occupational therapy practice.

~~(b)~~ (c) Acceptable professional continuing education activities shall include activities relevant to occupational therapy practice that can be deemed to update or enhance knowledge and skills required for competent performance beyond general entry Level occupational therapy and that include a verifiable way to documenting time spent in the learning activity.

~~(c)~~ (d) Prior approval of courses for continuing education is not required.

**AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A § 43-1-19, 43-28-7, 43-28-13 and 43-28-14.**

**Minutes:** Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to approve as amended the Board Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2006 and the July 6, 2006 Conference Call.

**Correspondence:**

The Board considered the following correspondence and matters of interest:

E-Mail question from jlaeleslie@\_\_\_\_\_

Faxed Question from Tia L. Wilkins COTA/L and David Stipal, OTR/L

Faxed Question from Tawanda Burns

Each of the questions received dealt primarily with role delineations of COTA's and OTR's. Following discussion of all three requests, the Board requested reply correspondence to each requesting they review the AOTA guidelines, the Board Rules and the Georgia Law as it pertains to the practice of Occupational Therapy.

**Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to approve correspondence to be sent as directed by the Board.**

**Probation Report:**

**Brenda Johnson:** In compliance

**Denise Marie Lorren:** In compliance

**Liaison Report:**

Mr. Mohanty inquired if possible to set up an alternative where applicants access via the internet the status of their applications on-line to use some other identifying number other than a SSN. Mr. Zimmerman will inquire and report back next Board meeting.

Following the previous Board's discussion with regard to COTA's and Supervision, Mr. Mohanty determined and accepted responsibility to develop a roundtable type discussion regarding Roles, Supervision and Practices of OTR's/OTA's and that possibly could be an event added to the September 2006 GOTA Conference.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Zimmerman provided the Board with information on the following:

- Reciprocity: Board requested tabling discussion regarding reciprocity until the next scheduled Board meeting
- AOTA – OT Practice Act Information
- NBCOT Practice Skills Test Information
- CE Request from HL Seminars

**Cognizant Member's Report:** No Report.

**Enforcement Report:** No Report.

**Attorney General's Report:**

**D.F.:** Recommendation: Consent Order/Probation/Supervision

**OT060012:** Recommendation: Withdraw Referral to AG's office; Refer to Investigations to obtain additional documentation

**Following discussion of the Attorney Generals report Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to accept the AG's report as presented.**

**Applications:**

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Application:**

Brown, Tabatha	Approved Pending
Murphy, Mandy	Approved Pending
Zisholtz, Vivian J.	Approved

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Restoration:**

Bellafaire, Kathleen M.	Approved
H.G.G.	Pending
J.A.H.	Pending

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to take the following actions on Certifications of Physical Agent Modalities:**

Adams, Michael J.	Approved
Agbonghae, Karen	Approved
Turner, Sherry D.	Approved
Marshall, Regina B.	Approved
Ivey, Sara L.	Approved
Florie, Amy E.	Approved Pending
Johnson, Dedrika Y.	Approved
Kirkpatrick, Lisa R.	Approved Pending
Chou, Hua-Kuo	Approved
D'Antoni, Catherine	Approved
Lewis, Katarika B.	Approved
Benton, Ashley	Approved
McCaffrie, Michael	Approved Pending
Timmons, Tera D.	Approved Pending
Sanders, Sunday S.	Approved
Funderburk, Paige N.	Approved Pending
Burden-Force, Elaina	Approved Pending
Raymond, Dana J.	Approved

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to take the following actions on Licensees with Limited Modality expanding to All Modalities:**

Oesterle, Cynthia L.	Approved
Scofield, Dawn M.	Approved

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following reinstatements applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:**

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OT000219	Firth, Diana D.	Occupational Therapist	5/25/2006
OT003659	Goetz, Jamie A.	Occupational Therapist	5/25/2006
OT000655	Lester, Stephanie D.	Occupational Therapist	5/25/2006
OT000413	Vermilya, Denise L.	Occupational Therapist	5/25/2006
OT003735	Byrd, Pamela R.	Occupational Therapist	5/25/2006

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following limited permits issued between meetings determined to have met requirements as follows:**

Name	Profession	Issue Date
Wilson, Jennifer R.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5/26/2006

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Sammons, Elisa M.	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
Richardson, Kristina L.	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
Hall, Vashon L.	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
Hatcher, Jennifer L.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5/26/2006
Burnette, Jean Carol	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
Brensinger, Erin Marie	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
Quick, Miranda L.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5/26/2006
Webster, Jennifer S.	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
Owens, Janie M.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5/26/2006
Williams, Sharess L.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/16/2006
Forshee, Amanda S.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/29/2006
Wilson, Wanda M.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/26/2006
Gabriele, Vanessa A.	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
Carroll, Heather Jo.	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2006
Williams, Shermisha S.	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006
McNeil, Jane C.	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006
Bass, Stephanie N.	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006
Cole, Angela A.	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:**

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OTA000942	McBryar, Shelly Marlene	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5/18/2006
OTA000943	Brunkhorst, Lora Renae	Occupational Therapy Assistant	5/26/2006
OTA000944	Anderson, Anthony M. Jr.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/6/2006
OTA000945	Silva, Ruth M.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/16/2006
OTA000946	Webb, Donisha D.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/29/2006
OTA000947	Kight, Amy B.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/30/2006
OTA000948	Taylor-Guarino, Cynthia R.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	6/30/2006
OTA000949	Funderburk, Mark A.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/12/2006
OTA000950	Frawley, Tara L.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/13/2006

**Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:**

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OT004361	Gualtieri, Vanica Cocchiaro	Occupational Therapist	5/18/2006
OT004362	Dennis, Aleslie	Occupational Therapist	5/25/2006
OT004363	Spital, David Eric	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
OT004364	Sabata, Dory B.	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
OT004365	Nowak, Patti Anne	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
OT004366	Grover, David Phillip	Occupational Therapist	5/26/2006
OT004367	Powell, Victoria Suzanne	Occupational Therapist	6/7/2006
OT004368	Arnold, Andrea Michele	Occupational Therapist	6/7/2006
OT004369	McClain, Shanika Mone't	Occupational Therapist	6/7/2006
OT004370	Bryand, Christine Marie	Occupational Therapist	6/14/2006
OT004371	Organt, Deborah Ann	Occupational Therapist	6/16/2006
OT004372	Miller, Paula Marie	Occupational Therapist	6/19/2006
OT004373	Burnette, Jean Carol	Occupational Therapist	6/19/2006
OT004374	Meyer, Nicole Lynn	Occupational Therapist	6/19/2006

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OT004375	Butler, Jennifer	Occupational Therapist	6/19/2006
OT004376	Mollica, Robert Carl	Occupational Therapist	6/19/2006
OT004377	Cowart, Reginald Cameron, II	Occupational Therapist	6/27/2006
OT004378	Stovall, Kelly Leigh	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004379	Rosenheck, Naama	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004380	Pope, Rachel Ann	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004381	Hudgins, Kristen Palmer	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004382	Folden, Brandy Jo	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004383	Candler, Sharon LeAnn	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004384	Byard, Lisa Devere	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004385	Bryant, Demetria Sherell	Occupational Therapist	6/30/2006
OT004386	Newton, Sharon Mary	Occupational Therapist	7/7/2006
OT004387	Giles, Amanda Lindsey	Occupational Therapist	7/10/2006
OT004388	Monaco, Karen Marie	Occupational Therapist	7/10/2006
OT004389	Engram, Barbara Ann	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2006
OT004390	Westmeier-Shuh, Jessica Jean	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2006
OT004391	James, Shirena Andra	Occupational Therapist	7/14/2006
OT004392	Martin, Ashley Kristen	Occupational Therapist	7/13/2006
OT004393	Barrow, Jami Teal	Occupational Therapist	7/13/2006
OT004394	Jackson, Stephanie Renee	Occupational Therapist	7/13/2006
OT004395	Brown, Diana Annette	Occupational Therapist	7/13/2006
OT004396	Merola, MaryBeth D.	Occupational Therapist	7/13/2006
OT004397	Diebolt, Whitney Hamilton	Occupational Therapist	7/13/2006
OT004398	Murray, Lindsay Dianne	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006
OT004399	Vines, Jennifer Vautrot	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006
OT004400	Hale, Cynthia Marie	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006
OT004401	Bowen, Bethany Lauree	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006
OT004402	Sammons, Elisa Mary	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2006

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Austin seconded and the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:**

Sheila Sryock, Board Secretary

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

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Kendyl Brock, President

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Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on: \_\_\_\_\_